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SUBJ: FINNISH PRESIDENT TO MAKE UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO SOVIET UNION

1. THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN HAS ANNOUNCED  
THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE  
SOVIET UNION SEPT 14 - 17, DURING WHICH HE WILL MEET  
SOVIET PREMIER ALEKSEI KOSYGIN AT THE MINING CENTER OF  
KOSTAMUS AND TRAVEL TO PETROSKOI, SOVIET KARELIA.

2. THIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, KEKKONEN'S 33RD SINCE  
ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY IN 1956, IS CHARACTERIZED AS AN  
"UNOFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP VISIT." THE PRESIDENT WILL BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN PAAVO VAVRYNEN,  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EERO RANTALA, MINISTER  
OF JUSTICE PAAVO NIKULA, COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN AARNE  
SAARINEN, SOME INDUSTRIALISTS, CIVIL SERVANTS, AND HIS  
ADC'S. THE FINNISH PRESIDENT AND PREMIER KOSYGIN WILL  
LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE METAL ENRICHING PLANT  
IN THE MINING CENTER OF KOSTAMUS WHERE FINNISH COMPANIES  
ARE THE MAIN CONTRACTORS.

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3. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S LAST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE  
SOVIET UNION TOOK PLACE IN MAY, 1977. IN NOVEMBER LAST  
YEAR HE ATTENDED THE CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE 60TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE SOVIET REVOLUTION IN MOSCOW. KOSYGIN WAS  
IN FINLAND FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES LAST DECEMBER.  
DURING THE KEKKONEN PRESIDENCY, THE FINNISH PRESIDENT

AND SOVIET LEADERS HAVE DEVELOPED A CUSTOM OF MEETING  
ABOUT ONCE A YEAR ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. THERE HAVE BEEN  
NO SUCH MEETINGS THIS YEAR, AND THE TWO LEADERS PRESUMABLY  
WILL HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.  
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